

**Committee of the Whole**  
**April 13, 2020**  
**6:00 p.m.**  
**Via Zoom and Facebook Live**

Council members in attendance: Thaddeus Hoffmeister, Al Delgado, Zach Green, Jim O'Reilly, Sarah Stankorb Taylor, Jeff LeRoy, and Nancy Averett

Staff members in attendance: Rusty Herzog – Police Chief, Megan Statt Blake – Assistant Community Development Director, and Lynn Tetley – City Manager

Others present: Dan Deters, Cathy Deters, and Rich Surace – Energy Alliances

Electric Aggregation

Ms. Tetley introduced the staff of Energy Alliances. Ms. Deters provided information about the process of the electric aggregation and what the next steps are for creating the program. Energy Alliances also assisted the City with the gas aggregation program. The electric aggregation was approved by voters at an overwhelming margin in November of 2019. The bid for electric providers was conducted in March and pricing was presented for both “green” and “brown” supply options. Pricing for “green” or renewable energy is 4.86 per kilowatt hour versus “brown” energy for 4.77 per kilowatt hour. Both are approximately 10% below the current price of electric from Duke Energy. Duke will continue to deliver the service and maintain the delivery infrastructure. The City will be offering an “opt out” program, just like the gas aggregation program. Sample letters will be posted on the City website in advance of the mailing. The letters will come in an envelope with the City logo. All residents will be included in the group, unless they are in arrears on their utility bill or are currently with an alternate provider. Residents can join the aggregation later or leave the aggregation later, with no penalty. The fee for Energy Alliances is absorbed in the per kilowatt price that is paid by customers. City Council will vote on the final pricing and program at the April City Council meeting. The consensus was to select the “green” option for the City program.

Coronavirus Response Discussion

Ms. Tetley asked if any members of City Council had questions or concerns about the City's response to the pandemic. Ms. Stankorb Taylor said that she wanted to acknowledge all of the efforts within the City to address public and private issues related to this situation. Ms. Stankorb Taylor also thanked the efforts of Monica Tuck and the Wyoming Recreation Foundation. Mr. O'Reilly thanked the City Staff for their hard work and efforts during this time. Ms. Tetley reported that the Staff discusses plans and contingencies regularly during this time to adapt and adjust as new issues and questions arise.

#### HPC/ARB Public Comment

Mr. Green stated that he just attended his first joint ARB/HPC Meeting and requested a better structure to obtain community input on agenda matters before the City Council meeting by also requesting input for the joint meeting. Ms. Statt Blake suggested that both meetings be included on the post card mailed to neighbors within 200' of the subject property. City Council agreed that noting both meetings on the mailing would be best.

#### Miscellaneous

Ms. Averett asked about the construction at the Recreation Center. Ms. Tetley discussed the history of the project, which dates back to the early 2000s. This project included a citizen led Task Force, which included representatives from the Recreation Commission, Urban Forestry and Beautification, Greenways, and at-large residents.

Ms. Stankorb Taylor asked if the Police Department can enforce social distancing at the Recreation Center Turf Field since it is located in Woodlawn. Chief Herzog stated the Police Department is working with Woodlawn to enforce this.

Ms. Stankorb Taylor asked about the financial impact on the City due to the pandemic. Ms. Tetley stated we will have a better image of the impact in July, due to the timing of tax filings. However, the City has enacted measures to address this by deferring capital and equipment purchases, reducing expenditures that are not service critical, and furloughing recreation department part time employees.

#### Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Approved:

Thaddeus Hoffmeister, Mayor